Strike by Employees and Officers of HCL

822. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees and officers in all the units of the Hindustan Cables Limited had gone on strike for 24 hours on 26th and 27th July, 2001; and

(b) if so, the demand raised and the steps taken to solve their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The employees & officers of Hindustan Cables Limited (HCL) observed one day strike on 26th July, 2001.

(b) The strike was to protest against the decision of the Government to disinvestments in HCL. HCL is a non-strategic PSU and disinvestments has to be undertaken in accordance with the Government policy announced and debated in Parliament. To satisfy employee's concerns, the management has been holding discussions and also giving written communications. A meeting of all union representatives was also convened by the Government in Delhi where the Government policy and the employee's concerns were explained in detail.

Privatisation of CCI

823. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to privatize Cement Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the detail thereof;

(c) the estimated investment of private investors and individuals in the CCI's public deposit scheme as on date; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to return the deposits of the public and non-profit institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) Cement Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI) is a sick company

under reference to Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), a quasi-judicial body. IFCI, the Operating Agency (OA) is handling the sale of CCI as a whole or its plants, individually or collectively, under the direction of BIFR given in its meeting held on 27.3.2001. CCI is a non-strategic PSU.

(c) The principal amount outstanding in CCI public Deposit scheme is to the extent of Rs. 28.11 crore as on 31.3.2001.

(d) In case of sick companies referred to BIFR, the dues of entitled parties are settled in accordance with the provisions under SICA.

PSEs in NER

824. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of public sector enterprises now functioning in the North Eastern Region with their names, State-wise; and

(b) the measures taken by the Government to revitalize them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) As on 31.3.2000, till which period the information is available, there were 9 Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) whose registered offices were located in the North Eastern Region (4 in Assam, 2 in Meghalaya and one each in Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland). The State-wise names of these enterprises are given in Appendix III of Volume I of the Public Enterprises Survey 1999-2000 which was laid in the Rajya Sabha on 27.2.2001 and is a published document.

(b) Enterprise specific measures have been taken by the Government for revival of Central PSEs from time to time and is a continuous process. Some of the common measures include periodical review of the performance by the administrative Ministries/departments, referring sick industrial CPSEs to Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) for formulating revival/ rehabilitation schemes, business & financial restructuring, need based financial support, upgradation of technology, improved marketing strategies, cost control, rationalization of manpower through VRS etc.

Loss/Profit making PSEs

825. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state: